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Applicant: HANSEN et al. Examiner: UNKNOWN
Serial No.: 09/403958 Group Art Unit: 2877
Filed: 1 November 1999 Docket No.: 12845.2USWO
Title: METHOD AND A SYSTEM FOR DETERMINATION OF PARTICLES IN
A LIQUID SAMPLE

CERTIFICATE UNDER 37 CFR 1.8: The undersigned hereby certifies that this Transmittal Letter and the paper, as described herein, are being deposited in the United States Postal Service, as first class mail, with sufficient postage, in an envelope addressed to: Assistant Commissioner for Patents, Washington, D.C. 20231, on 21 March 2001.

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THIRD SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT
(37 C.F.R. §1.97(b))

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

With regard to the above-identified application, the items of information listed on the enclosed Form 1449 are brought to the attention of the Examiner.

This statement should be considered because it is submitted before the mailing date of a first Office Action on-the-merits. Accordingly, no fee is due for consideration of the items listed on the enclosed Form 1449.

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. §1.98(a)(2), a copy of each document or other information listed on the enclosed Form 1449 is provided. Applicant hereby brings attention to the Examiner that they have a commonly assigned co-pending application, Serial No. 09/403959, filed 1 November 1999 and the references listed were cited in the afore-mentioned case. Pursuant to 37 CFR 1.98 (2) (iii), Applicant encloses the specification, claims and drawings for this co-pending matter.

No representation is made that a reference is "prior art" within the meaning of 35 U.S.C. §§ 102 and 103 and Applicants reserve the right, pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.131 or otherwise, to establish that the reference(s) are not "prior art." Moreover, Applicants do not represent that a reference has been thoroughly reviewed or that any relevance of any portion of a reference is intended.

Consideration of the items listed is respectfully requested. Pursuant to the provisions of M.P.E.P. 609, it is requested that the Examiner return a copy of the attached Form 1449, marked as being considered and initialed by the Examiner, to the undersigned with the next official communication.

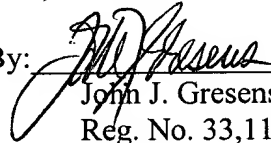
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